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INTRODUCTION

Since the late 1940's, SCS geologists, who are responsible for estimating sediment yields, have been using the Musgrave Equation (1) to compute the amount of sheet and rill erosion occurring in a watershed. The Musgrave Equation has been a part of one of several procedures used to estimate sediment yields. Additional research on erosion has resulted in the development of the Universal Soil-Loss Equation (USLE) by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in cooperation with the SCS and certain state experiment stations (5). The USLE was originally developed for use only on cropland, hayland, and pastures in rotation. Erosion factors reflecting the effect of cover on uncultivated land areas have been lacking. Since the USLE has been used throughout much of the country as a tool in planning land treatment on individual operating units, it was recommended that the use of this equation with its refined data be extended to watersheds and other project areas in which the SCS has responsibilities. In order to do this, additional plant cover factors (C) were needed for permanent pastureland, rangeland, woodland, and idle land to estimate the effect of these types of cover on soil losses.

During a conference of SCS and ARS personnel in November of 1971, needed factors for types of cover on uncultivated lands were discussed and tentatively agreed upon. Subsequent analyses by the ARS provided values for these factors as presented in Tables 2, 3, and 4. These factors are for use in the USLE to estimate sheet and rill erosion for SCS project work such as watersheds, river basin studies, and resource conservation and development (RC&D) projects.

The determination of the values of the factors to be used in the USLE for project work will be a team effort. The state resource conservationist, agronomist, and/or district conservationist provide the geologist with C values. Information is needed not only for rotations to be used on cropland, and management practices on pastureland, rangeland, and woodland, but also the amount or percent of land treatment which will be applied during the project installation period. The complete USLE is $A = RKLSCP$

where A is the computed soil loss (sheet and rill erosion) in tons per acre per year. A is not the sediment yield;
R, the rainfall factor, is the number of erosion-index units in a normal year's rain;
K, the soil-erodibility factor, is the erosion rate per unit of erosion index for a specific soil in cultivated continuous fallow, on a 9-percent slope 72.6 feet long;
L, the slope-length factor, is the ratio of the soil loss from the field slope length to that from a 72.6 ft. length on the same soil type and gradient;

S, the slope-gradient factor, is the ratio of soil loss from the field gradient to that from a 9-percent slope;
C, the cropping management factor, is the ratio of soil loss from a field with specified cropping and management to that from the fallow condition on which the factor K is evaluated;
P, the erosion-control practice factor, is the ratio of soil loss with contouring, stripcropping, or contour irrigated furrows to that with straight-row farming, up-and-down slope.

RAINFALL FACTOR (R)

The energy of moving water detaches and transports soil materials. The energy-intensity (EI) parameter measures total raindrop energy of a storm and its relation to the maximum 30-minute intensity. Soil losses are linearly proportional to the number of EI units. The EI values of the storms are summed to obtain an annual rainfall-erosivity index for a given location. This annual index serves as the R factor and can be obtained from Figure 1. This figure differs from Figure 1, Agricultural Handbook 282 dated December 1965 (5), and will appear in the 1977 revision of Handbook No. 282.

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SLOPE LENGTH (L) AND SLOPE GRADIENT (S)

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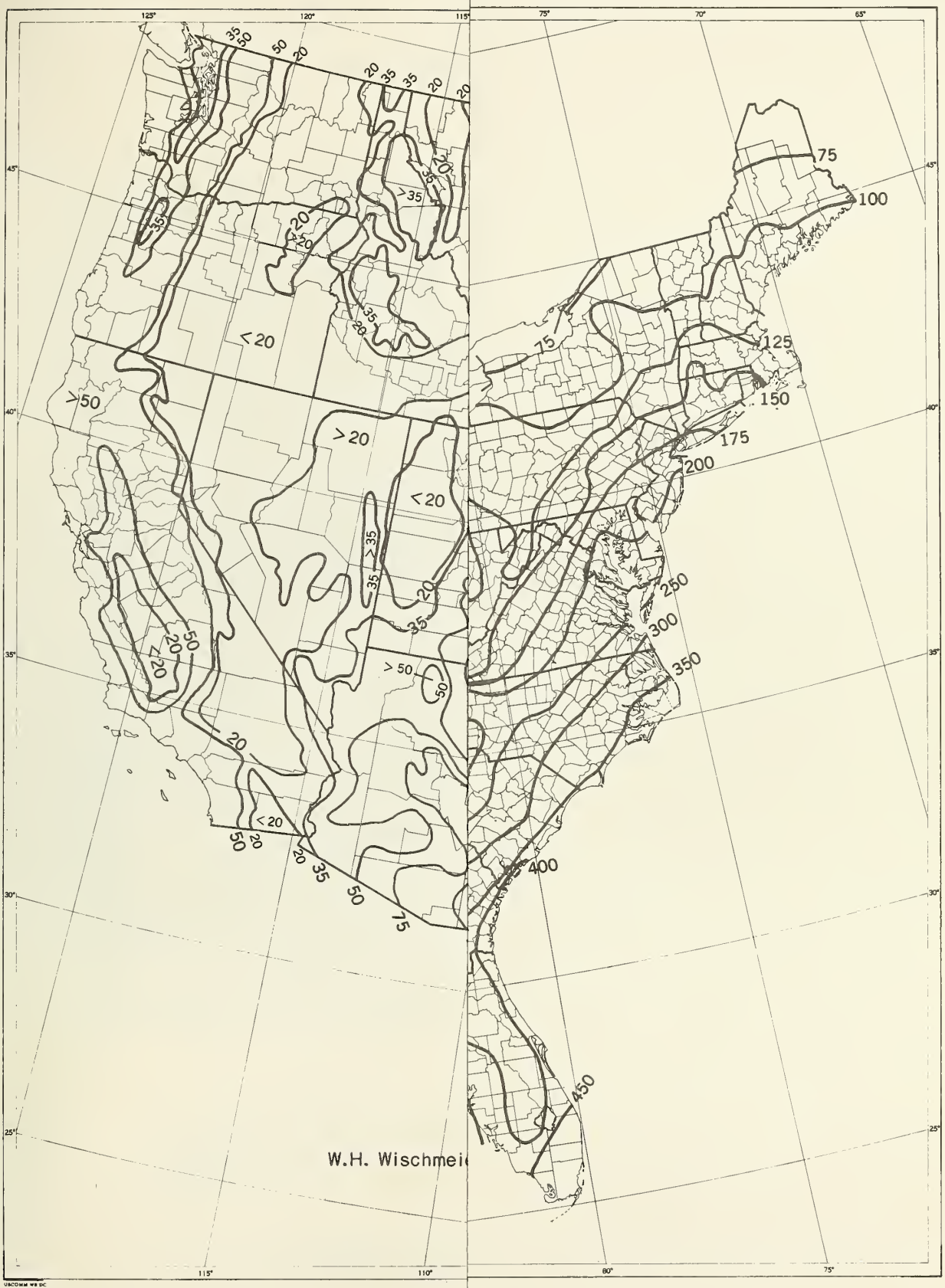
The LS factor for gradients up to 60% and slope lengths to 2000 feet is obtained from the Slope-Effect Chart, figure 2. Similar data in tabular form is shown in Table 1. Values shown on the chart and table for slopes of less than 3%, greater than 20%, or longer than 400 feet, represent extrapolations of the formula beyond the range of research data. Computed soil loss obtained using such LS values may require adjustment based on experience and judgment.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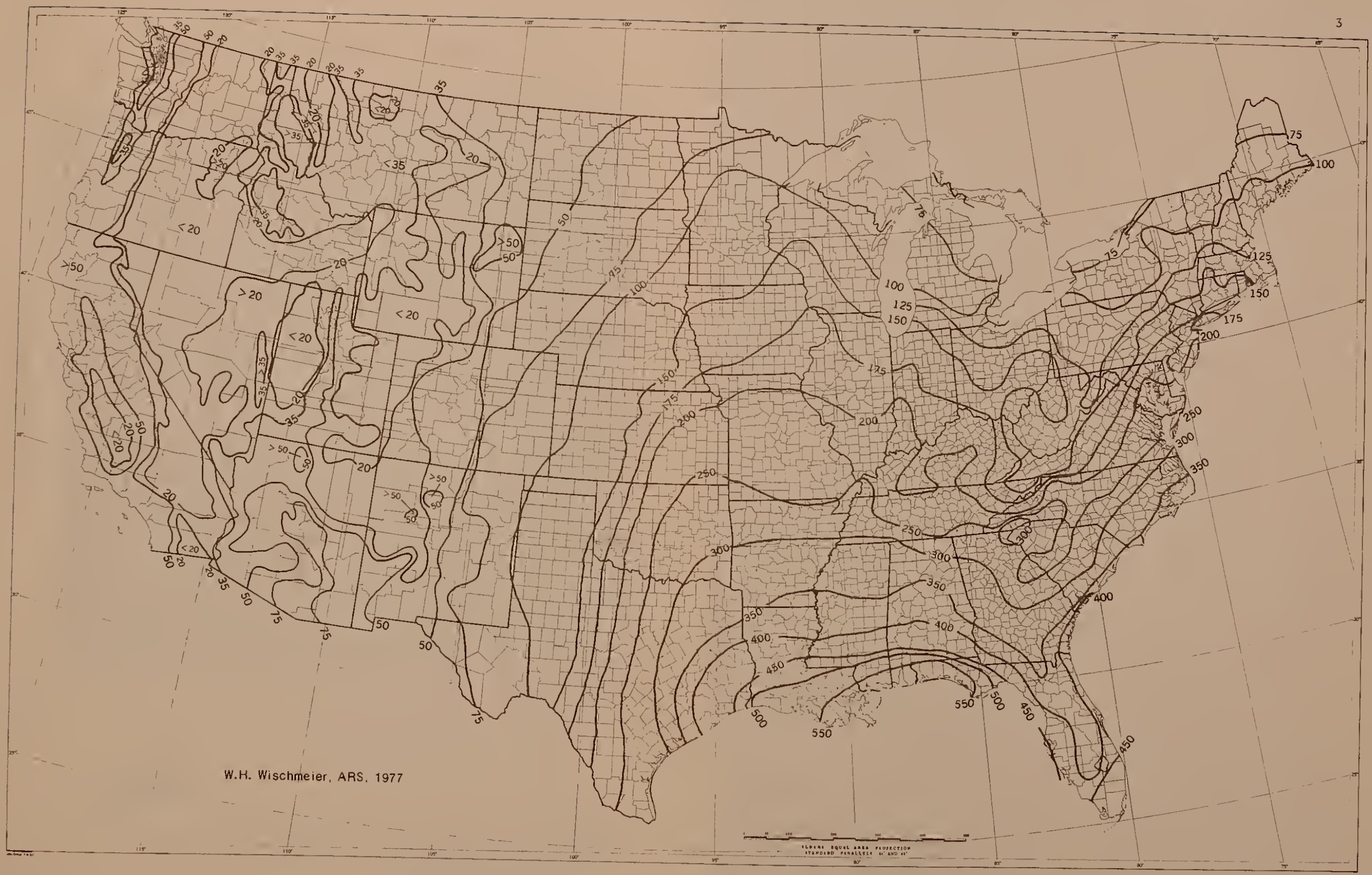
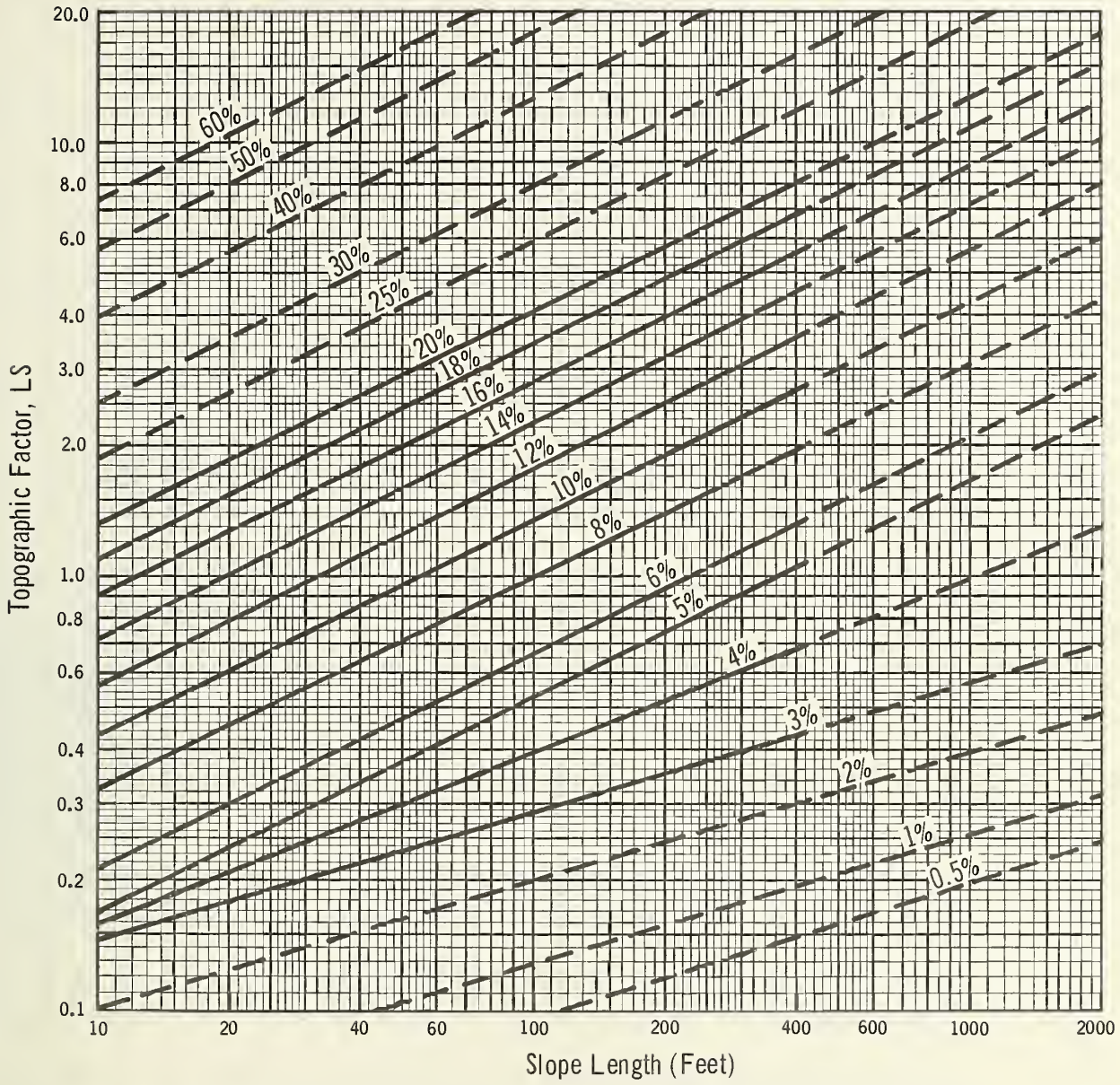


Figure 1 Average annual values of the factor R

Figure 2 SLOPE-EFFECT CHART (Topographic Factor, LS)*



*The dashed lines represent estimates for slope dimensions beyond the range of lengths and steepnesses for which data are available. The curves were derived by the formula:

$$LS = \left(\frac{\lambda}{72.6}\right)^{m} \left(\frac{430x^2 + 30x + 0.43}{6.57415}\right)$$

where λ=field slope length in feet and m=0.5 if s= 5% or greater, 0.4 if s=4%, and 0.3 if s=3% or less; and $x=\sin\theta$. θ is the angle of slope in degrees.

Table 1 Slope-Effect Table (Topographic Factor, LS)

Percent Slope	Slope Length in Feet													
	10	20	40	60	80	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	180	200
0.2	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10
0.3	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11
0.4	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
0.5	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
1.0	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16
2.0	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.25
3.0	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35
4.0	0.16	0.21	0.28	0.33	0.37	0.40	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.51	0.53
5.0	0.17	0.24	0.34	0.41	0.48	0.54	0.56	0.59	0.61	0.63	0.66	0.68	0.72	0.76
6.0	0.21	0.30	0.43	0.52	0.60	0.67	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.80	0.82	0.85	0.90	0.95
8.0	0.31	0.44	0.63	0.77	0.89	0.99	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.17	1.21	1.25	1.33	1.40
10.0	0.43	0.61	0.87	1.06	1.23	1.37	1.44	1.50	1.56	1.62	1.68	1.73	1.84	1.94
12.0	0.57	0.81	1.14	1.40	1.61	1.80	1.89	1.98	2.06	2.14	2.21	2.28	2.42	2.55
14.0	0.73	1.03	1.45	1.78	2.05	2.29	2.41	2.51	2.62	2.72	2.81	2.90	3.08	3.25
16.0	0.90	1.27	1.80	2.20	2.54	2.84	2.98	3.11	3.24	3.36	3.48	3.59	3.81	4.01
18.0	1.09	1.54	2.17	2.66	3.07	3.43	3.60	3.76	3.92	4.06	4.21	4.34	4.61	4.86
20.0	1.29	1.82	2.58	3.16	3.65	4.08	4.28	4.47	4.65	4.83	5.00	5.16	5.47	5.77
25.0	1.86	2.63	3.73	4.56	5.27	5.89	6.18	6.45	6.72	6.97	7.22	7.45	7.90	8.33
30.0	2.52	3.56	5.03	6.16	7.11	7.95	8.34	8.71	9.07	9.41	9.74	10.06	10.67	11.25
40.0	4.00	5.66	8.00	9.80	11.32	12.65	13.27	13.86	14.43	14.97	15.50	16.01	16.98	17.90
50.0	5.64	7.97	11.27	13.81	15.94	17.82	18.69	19.53	20.32	21.09	21.83	22.55	23.91	25.21
60.0	7.32	10.35	14.64	17.93	20.71	23.15	24.28	25.36	26.40	27.39	28.36	29.29	31.06	32.74

Table 1 Continued

Percent	Slope Length in Feet													
Slope	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1500	1700	2000
0.2	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20
0.3	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22
0.4	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23
0.5	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24
1.0	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.32
2.0	0.28	0.31	0.33	0.34	0.36	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.49
3.0	0.40	0.44	0.47	0.49	0.52	0.54	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.62	0.65	0.67	0.71
4.0	0.62	0.70	0.76	0.82	0.87	0.92	0.96	1.01	1.04	1.08	1.12	1.18	1.24	1.33
5.0	0.93	1.07	1.20	1.31	1.42	1.52	1.61	1.69	1.78	1.86	1.93	2.07	2.21	2.40
6.0	1.17	1.35	1.50	1.65	1.78	1.90	2.02	2.13	2.23	2.33	2.43	2.61	2.77	3.01
8.0	1.72	1.98	2.22	2.43	2.62	2.81	2.98	3.14	3.29	3.44	3.58	3.84	4.09	4.44
10.0	2.37	2.74	3.06	3.36	3.62	3.87	4.11	4.33	4.54	4.74	4.94	5.30	5.65	6.13
12.0	3.13	3.61	4.04	4.42	4.77	5.10	5.41	5.71	5.99	6.25	6.51	6.99	7.44	8.07
14.0	3.98	4.59	5.13	5.62	6.07	6.49	6.88	7.26	7.61	7.95	8.27	8.89	9.46	10.26
16.0	4.92	5.68	6.35	6.95	7.51	8.03	8.52	8.98	9.42	9.83	10.24	11.00	11.71	12.70
18.0	5.95	6.87	7.68	8.41	9.09	9.71	10.30	10.86	11.39	11.90	12.38	13.30	14.16	15.36
20.0	7.07	8.16	9.12	9.99	10.79	11.54	12.24	12.90	13.53	14.13	14.71	15.80	16.82	18.24
25.0	10.20	11.78	13.17	14.43	15.59	16.66	17.67	18.63	19.54	20.41	21.24	22.82	24.29	26.35
30.0	13.78	15.91	17.79	19.48	21.04	22.50	23.86	25.15	26.38	27.55	28.68	30.81	32.80	35.57

PLANT COVER OR CROPPING MANAGEMENT FACTOR (C)

The C factor values relate to the effect of cover. These average values may be for a period as long as 100 years, if that is the evaluation period of a project area.

The erosion equation, as used on cropland and hayland, employs established factor relationships to estimate a basic soil-loss that is determined by the soil properties, topographic features, certain conservation practices, and expected rainfall patterns for a specific field. The basic soil loss is the rate at which the field would erode if it were continuously in tilled fallow. The equation's factor C indicates the percentage of this potential soil loss that would occur if the surface were partially protected by some particular combination of cover and management. The Musgrave cover factors cannot be directly substituted for the C factor in the USLE because the base conditions from which the cover factors were developed are different, (continually tilled fallow for USLE as opposed to row crops for Musgrave).

Extension of the factor C to completely different situations is based upon three separate and distinct but interrelated zones of influence: (a) the vegetative cover in direct contact with the soil surface; (b) canopy cover; and (c) effects at and beneath the surface (5).

Factor (C) for Pasture, Range and Idle Land

The effects of the three zones of influence were used in the estimation of factor C for pastureland, rangeland and idle land as shown in Table 2.

Factor (C) for Woodland

In undisturbed forests, a layer of compacted decaying forest duff or litter several inches thick is extremely effective against water erosion. Existing research data, though limited, supports a C value as low as .0001 for woodland with a 100 percent cover of such duff. Values of the erosion equation's factor C for three major woodland categories are found in tables 2, 3, and 4. Table 2 should be used for grazed or burned forest land, or forest land which has been harvested within the past three years. Table 3 presents the values for undisturbed forest land. Table 4 presents C values for forest lands which have had site preparation treatments. There are three subcategories of site preparation. The most severe treatment is where a harvested area is disked, raked, or bedded. These three methods till the soil and break up the root network. At the same time they incorporate logging residue into the soil. Burning the residue left in the harvested areas, the second site preparation subcategory, is a treatment of intermediate severity. Soil disturbance is limited to that which occurs during the harvesting

Table 2. "C" Factors for Permanent Pasture, Rangeland, Idle Land, and Grazed Woodland[1/]

Vegetal Canopy			Cover That Contacts the Surface					
Type and Height of Raised Canopy[2/]	Canopy Cover[3/] %	Type[4/]	Percent Ground Cover					
			0	20	40	60	80	95-100
No appreciable canopy		G	.45	.20	.10	.042	.013	.003
		W	.45	.24	.15	.090	.043	.011
Canopy of tall weeds or short brush (0.5 m fall ht.)	25	G	.36	.17	.09	.038	.012	.003
		W	.36	.20	.13	.082	.041	.011
	50	G	.26	.13	.07	.035	.012	.003
		W	.26	.16	.11	.075	.039	.011
	75	G	.17	.10	.06	.031	.011	.003
		W	.17	.12	.09	.067	.038	.011
Appreciable brush or bushes (2 m fall ht.)	25	G	.40	.18	.09	.040	.013	.003
		W	.40	.22	.14	.085	.042	.011
	50	G	.34	.16	.085	.038	.012	.003
		W	.34	.19	.13	.081	.041	.011
	75	G	.28	.14	.08	.036	.012	.003
		W	.28	.17	.12	.077	.040	.011
Trees but no appreciable low brush (4 m fall ht.)	25	G	.42	.19	.10	.041	.013	.003
		W	.42	.23	.14	.087	.042	.011
	50	G	.39	.18	.09	.040	.013	.003
		W	.39	.21	.14	.085	.042	.011
	75	G	.36	.17	.09	.039	.012	.003
		W	.36	.20	.13	.083	.041	.011

[1/] All values shown assume: (1) random distribution of mulch or vegetation, and (2) mulch of appreciable depth where it exists. Idle land refers to land with undisturbed profiles for at least a period of three consecutive years. Also to be used for burned forest land and forest land that has been harvested less than three years ago.

[2/] Average fall height of waterdrops from canopy to soil surface: m = meters.

[3/] Portion of total-area surface that would be hidden from view by canopy in a vertical projection, (a bird's-eye view).

[4/] G: Cover at surface is grass, grasslike plants, decaying compacted duff, or litter at least 2 inches deep.

W:Cover at surface is mostly broadleaf herbaceous plants (as weeds with little lateral-root network near the surface), and/or undecayed residue.

phase, and most of the root network is left intact. Drum chopping, the third subcategory, crushes much of the logging residue and leaves it on the surface, and in addition, leaves strike marks on the soil. Although the root network is broken up, it remains in the soil. For Table 4, soil condition is defined as follows:

Excellent - Highly stable soil aggregates in topsoil with litter and fine tree roots mixed in.

Good - Moderately stable soil aggregates in topsoil or highly stable soil aggregates in subsoil (topsoil removed during raking), only traces of litter mixed in.

Fair - Highly unstable soil aggregates in topsoil or moderately stable soil aggregates in subsoil, no litter mixed in.

Poor - No topsoil, highly erodable soil aggregates in subsoil, no litter mixed in.

For each of the Table 4 soil conditions, "C" factors are provided for no live vegetation (NC column) and for 75% cover of grass and weeds having about 0.5 meter fall height (WC column). For weed and grass cover other than zero percent and 75%, "C" values may be interpolated.

Use of the three tables provides a wide range of "C" values. While there may be some situations which do not fit neatly in any of the three general categories, a representative "C" for the vast majority of situations can be obtained by their use.

Table 3. "C" Factors for Undisturbed Woodland

Effective Canopy[1/] % of Area	Forest Litter[2/] % of Area	"C" [3/] Factor
100-75	100-90	.0001-.001
70-40	85-75	.002-.004
35-20	70-40	.003-.009

[1/] When effective canopy is less than 20%, the area will be considered as grassland or idleland for estimating soil loss. Where woodlands are being harvested or grazed, use Table 2.

[2/] Forest litter is assumed to be at least two inches deep over the percent ground surface area covered.

[3/] The range in "C" values is due in part to the range in the percent area covered. In addition the percent of effective canopy and its height has an effect. Low canopy is effective in reducing raindrop impact and in lowering the "C" factor. High canopy, over 13 meters, is not effective in reducing raindrop impact and will have no effect on the "C" value.

Table 4. "C" Factors for Mechanically Prepared Woodland Sites

Percent of soil covered with residue in contact with soil surface	Soil Condition and Weed Cover							
	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor	
	NC	WC	NC	WC	NC	WC	NC	WC
None								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.52	.20	.72	.27	.85	.32	.94	.36
B. Burned [3/]	.25	.10	.26	.10	.31	.12	.45	.17
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.16	.07	.17	.07	.20	.08	.29	.11
10% Cover								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.33	.15	.46	.20	.54	.24	.60	.26
B. Burned [3/]	.23	.10	.24	.10	.26	.11	.36	.16
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.15	.07	.16	.07	.17	.08	.23	.10
20% Cover								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.24	.12	.34	.17	.40	.20	.44	.22
B. Burned [3/]	.19	.10	.19	.10	.21	.11	.27	.14
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.12	.06	.12	.06	.14	.07	.18	.09
40% Cover								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.17	.11	.23	.14	.27	.17	.30	.19
B. Burned [3/]	.14	.09	.14	.09	.15	.09	.17	.11
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.09	.06	.09	.06	.10	.06	.11	.07
60% Cover								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.11	.08	.15	.11	.18	.14	.20	.15
B. Burned [3/]	.08	.06	.09	.07	.10	.08	.11	.08
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.06	.05	.06	.05	.07	.05	.07	.05
80% Cover								
A. Disked, raked or bedded[1/2/]	.05	.04	.07	.06	.09	.08	.10	.09
B. Burned [3/]	.04	.04	.05	.04	.05	.04	.06	.05
C. Drum chopped[3/]	.03	.03	.03	.03	.03	.03	.04	.04

[1/] Multiply A. values by following values to account for surface roughness:

Very rough, major effect on runoff and sediment storage, depressions greater than 6"	.40
Moderate	.65
Smooth, minor surface sediment storage, depressions less than 2"	.90

[2/] The "C" values for A. are for the first year following treatment. For A. type sites 1 to 4 years old multiply "C" value by .7 to account for aging. For sites 4 to 8 years old use Table 2. For sites more than 8 years old use Table 3.

[3/] The "C" values for B. and C. areas are for the first 3 years following treatment. For sites treated 3 to 8 years ago use Table 2. For sites treated more than 8 years ago use Table 3.

Factor "C" for Cropland and Hayland

This factor is a measure of the effects of cropping sequences, cover and management on soil losses from cropland and hayland. Factors have been computed, on a local basis, for conventional and conservation (minimum) tillage systems of farming.

EROSION-CONTROL PRACTICE FACTOR (P)

This factor accounts for control practices that reduce the erosion potential of the runoff by their influence on drainage patterns, runoff concentration, and runoff velocity. Practices for which P factors have been established are contouring, contour stripcropping, and contour irrigated furrows. Terraces and diversions, where used, reduce the length of slope only.

The practice values for contouring, contour stripcropping (strips of sod or meadow alternated with strips of row crop or small grain), and contour irrigated furrows are:

Land Slope %	P Values			
	Contouring	Contour Stripcropping	Contour Irrigated Furrows	Terracing[1/]
1.1 to 2	0.60	0.30	0.30	
2.1 to 7	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.10
7.1 to 12	0.60	0.30	0.30	0.12
12.1 to 18	0.80	0.40	0.40	0.16
18.1 to 24	0.90	0.45	0.45	0.18
24.1 +	1.00	0.50	0.50	

[1/] For prediction of contribution to off-field sediment load in lieu of a P factor.

WATER QUALITY AND SEDIMENT YIELD

Computed soil loss (A) for large areas is not sediment yield, and is not directly related to water quality. Overland sediment transport is a complex process of transport and deposition. The USLE estimates the transport component and specifically excludes the deposition component. For example, only 5 percent of computed soil loss may appear as sediment yield in a drainage area of 500 square miles. The remaining 95 percent is redistributed and deposited on uplands or flood plains and is not a net soil loss. Sediment yield procedures are beyond the scope of this Technical Release.

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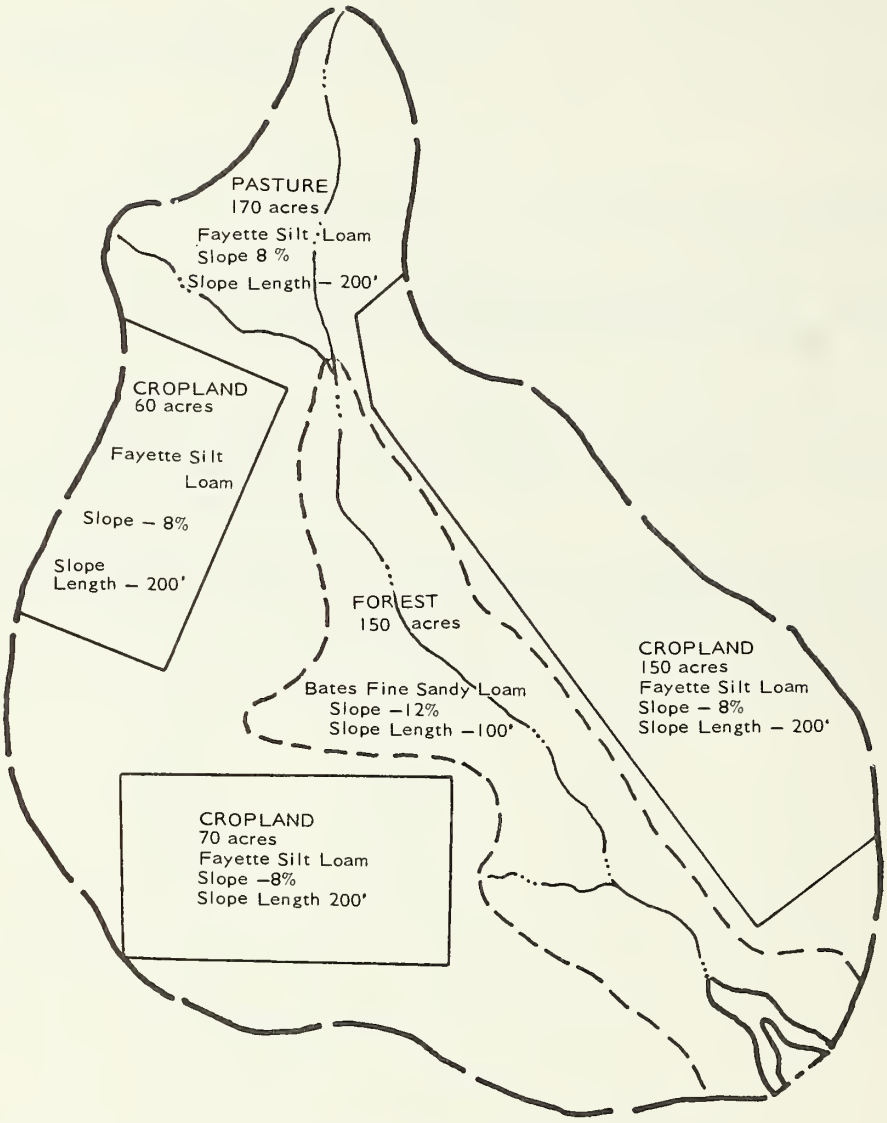

Figure 3. – A Hypothetical 600 – Acre Watershed for Use in Example.

EXAMPLE OF USE OF UNIVERSAL SOIL LOSS EQUATION IN WATERSHED PLANNING

Assume a watershed area of 600 acres above a proposed floodwater retarding structure in Fountain County, Indiana. Compute the average annual soil loss from sheet erosion for present conditions and for future conditions after recommended land treatment is applied on all land in the watershed.

Present Conditions

Cropland - 280 acres
Continuous corn with residue removed - average yield - 70 bu./ac.
Cultivated up and down slope
Soil - Fayette silt loam
Slope - 8 percent
Slope length - 200 feet

R = 185
K = .37
LS = 1.4
C = .43
P = 1.00

A = 185 X .37 X 1.4 X .43 X 1.0 = 41.2 Tons/Acre/Year Soil Loss

Pasture - 170 acres
Canopy of short brush - 0.5 m fall height
Percent cover provided by canopy - 50%
Surface cover - grass and grasslike plants
Percent of surface or ground cover - 80%
Soil - Fayette silt loam
Slope - 8 percent
Slope length - 200 feet

R = 185
K = .37
LS = 1.4
C = 0.012

A = 185 X .37 X 1.4 X .012 = 1.15 Tons/Acre/Year

Forest - 150 acres
Percent of area covered by tree canopy - 20%
Percent of area covered by litter - 40%
Soil - Bates silt loam
Slope - 12 percent
Slope length - 100 feet

R = 185
K = .32
LS = 1.8
C = .009

A = 185 X .32 X 1.8 X .009 = 0.96 Tons/Acre/Year

Future Conditions

Cropland - 280 acres
Rotation of wheat, meadow, corn, corn with residue left
Contour stripcropped
Soil - Fayette silt loam
Slope - 8 percent
Slope length - 200 feet

R = 185
K = .37
LS = 1.4
C = .119
P = .3

A = 185 X .37 X 1.4 X .119 X .3 = 3.4 Tons/Acre/Year

Pasture - 170 acres
With improved management:
Canopy cover decreased to 25 percent with 4 m fall height
Ground cover increased to 95 percent (for area not protected by canopy)
Soil - Fayette silt loam
Slope - 8 percent
Slope length - 200 feet

R = 185
K = .37
LS = 1.4
C = .003

A = 185 X .37 X 1.4 X .003 = 0.29 Tons/Acre/Year

Forest - 150 acres
With improved management:
Canopy cover increased to 60 percent
Litter cover increased to 80 percent
Soil - Bates silt loam
Slope - 12 percent
Slope length - 100 feet

R = 185
K = .32
LS = 1.8
C = .003

A = 185 X .32 X 1.8 X .003 = 0.32 Tons/Acre/Year

Summary of Average Annual Soil Losses

Present Conditions

Cropland - 280 acres X 41.2 tons/ac.	=	11,536 tons/year
Pasture - 170 acres X 1.15 tons/ac.	=	196 tons/year
Forest - 150 acres X .96 tons/ac.	=	144 tons/year

Future Conditions

Cropland - 280 acres X 3.4 tons/ac.	=	952 tons/year
Pasture - 170 acres X .29 tons/ac.	=	49 tons/year
Forest - 150 acres X .32 tons/ac.	=	48 tons/year

These values are entered on form SCS-ENG-309 (Rev. 1974) and the procedure set forth in Technical Release No. 12 (Rev.), "Procedure -Sediment Storage Requirements for Reservoirs," is followed to obtain the sediment yield at the proposed floodwater retarding structure.

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